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An Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for CHAMPVA, to provide for family coverage and retroactive expansion of the increase in maximum benefits under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, to make technical amendments, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE- This Act may be cited as the `Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001'.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS- The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.

Sec. 3. Eligibility for benefits under CHAMPVA for veterans' survivors who are eligible for hospital insurance benefits under the medicare program.

Sec. 4. Family coverage under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Sec. 5. Retroactive applicability of increase in maximum SGLI benefit for members dying in performance of duty on or after October 1, 2000.

Sec. 6. Expansion of outreach efforts to eligible dependents.

Sec. 7. Technical amendments to the Montgomery GI Bill statute.

Sec. 8. Miscellaneous technical amendments.

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS UNDER CHAMPVA FOR VETERANS' SURVIVORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HOSPITAL INSURANCE BENEFITS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

Subsection (d) of section 1713 is amended to read as follows:

`(d)(1)(A) An individual otherwise eligible for medical care under this section who is also entitled to hospital insurance benefits under part A of the medicare program is eligible for medical care under this section only if the individual is also enrolled in the supplementary medical insurance program under part B of the medicare program.

`(B) The limitation in subparagraph (A) does not apply to an individual who--

`(i) has attained 65 years of age as of the date of the enactment of the Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001; and

`(ii) is not enrolled in the supplementary medical insurance program under part B of the medicare program as of that date.

`(2) Subject to paragraph (3), if an individual described in paragraph (1) receives medical care for which payment may be made under both this section and the medicare program, the amount payable for such medical care under this section shall be the amount by which (A) the costs for such medical care exceed (B) the sum of--

`(i) the amount payable for such medical care under the medicare program; and

`(ii) the total amount paid or payable for such medical care by third party payers other than the medicare program.

`(3) The amount payable under this subsection for medical care may not exceed the total

amount that would be paid under subsection (b) if payment for such medical care were made solely under subsection (b).

`(4) In this paragraph:

`(A) The term `medicare program' means the program of health insurance administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

`(B) The term `third party' has the meaning given that term in section 1729(i)(3) of this title.'.

SEC. 4. FAMILY COVERAGE UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

(a) INSURABLE DEPENDENTS- (1) Section 1965 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

`(10) The term `insurable dependent', with respect to a member, means the following:

`(A) The member's spouse.

`(B) The member's child, as defined in the first sentence of section 101(4)(A) of this title.'.

(2) Section 101(4)(A) is amended in the matter preceding clause (i) by inserting `(other than with respect to a child who is an insurable dependent under section 1965(10)(B) of such chapter)' after `except for purposes of chapter 19 of this title'.

(b) INSURANCE COVERAGE- (1) Subsection (a) of section 1967 is amended to read as follows:

`(a)(1) Subject to an election under paragraph (2), any policy of insurance purchased by the Secretary under section 1966 of this title shall automatically insure the following persons against death:

`(A) In the case of any member of a uniformed service on active duty (other than active duty for training)--

`(i) the member; and

`(ii) each insurable dependent of the member.

`(B) Any member of a uniformed service on active duty for training or inactive duty training scheduled in advance by competent authority.

`(C) In the case of any member of the Ready Reserve of a uniformed service who meets the qualifications set forth in section 1965(5)(B) of this title--

`(i) the member; and

`(ii) each insurable dependent of the member.

`(2)(A) A member may elect in writing not to be insured under this subchapter.

`(B) A member may elect in writing not to insure the member's spouse under this subchapter.

`(3)(A) Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the amount for which a person is insured under this subchapter is as follows:

`(i) In the case of a member, \$250,000.

`(ii) In the case of a member's spouse, \$100,000.

`(iii) In the case of a member's child, \$10,000.

`(B) A member may elect in writing to be insured or to insure the member's spouse in an amount less than the amount provided for under subparagraph (A). The member may not elect to insure the member's child in an amount less than \$10,000. The amount of insurance so elected shall, in the case of a member or spouse, be evenly divisible by \$10,000.

`(C) In no case may the amount of insurance coverage under this subsection of a member's spouse exceed the amount of insurance coverage of the member.

`(4)(A) An insurable dependent of a member is not insured under this chapter unless the member is insured under this subchapter.

`(B) An insurable dependent who is a child may not be insured at any time by the insurance coverage under this chapter of more than one member. If an insurable dependent who is a child is otherwise eligible to be insured by the coverage of more than one member under this chapter, the child shall be insured by the coverage of the member whose eligibility for insurance under this subchapter occurred first, except that if that member does not have legal custody of the child, the child shall be insured by the coverage of the member who has legal custody of the child.

`(5) The insurance shall be effective with respect to a member and the insurable dependents of the member on the latest of the following dates:

`(A) The first day of active duty or active duty for training.

`(B) The beginning of a period of inactive duty training scheduled in advance by competent authority.

`(C) The first day a member of the Ready Reserve meets the qualifications set forth in section 1965(5)(B) of this title.

`(D) The date certified by the Secretary to the Secretary concerned as the date Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance under this subchapter for the class or group concerned takes effect.

`(E) In the case of an insurable dependent who is a spouse, the date of marriage of the spouse to the member.

`(F) In the case of an insurable dependent who is a child, the date of birth of such child or, if the child is not the natural child of the member, the date on which the child acquires status as an insurable dependent of the member.'

(2) Subsection (c) of such section is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: 'If a person eligible for insurance under this subchapter is not so insured, or is insured for less than the maximum amount provided for the person under subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(3), by reason of an election made by a member under subparagraph (B) of that subsection, the person may thereafter be insured under this subchapter in the maximum amount or any lesser amount elected as provided in such subparagraph (B) upon written application by the member, proof of good health of each person (other than a child) to be so insured, and compliance with such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary.'

(c) TERMINATION OF COVERAGE- (1) Subsection (a) of section 1968 is amended--

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting 'and any insurance thereunder on any insurable dependent of such a member,' after 'any insurance thereunder on any member of the uniformed services,'; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

`(5) With respect to an insurable dependent of the member, insurance under this subchapter shall cease--

`(A) 120 days after the date of an election made in writing by the member to terminate the coverage; or

`(B) on the earliest of--

`(i) 120 days after the date of the member's death;

`(ii) 120 days after the date of termination of the insurance on the member's life under this subchapter; or

`(iii) 120 days after the termination of the dependent's status as an insurable dependent of the member.'

(2) Such subsection is further amended--

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking `, and such insurance shall cease--' and inserting `and such insurance shall cease as follows:';

(B) by striking `with' after the paragraph designation in each of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) and inserting `With';

(C) in paragraph (1)--

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking `thirty-one days--' and inserting `31 days, insurance under this subchapter shall cease--';

(ii) in subparagraph (A)--

(I) by striking `one hundred and twenty days' after `(A)' and inserting `120 days'; and

(II) by striking `prior to the expiration of one hundred and twenty days' and inserting `before the end of 120 days'; and

(iii) by striking the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting a period;

(D) in paragraph (2)--

(i) by striking `thirty-one days' and inserting `31 days,';

(ii) by striking `one hundred and twenty days' both places it appears and inserting `120 days'; and

(iii) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period;

(E) in paragraph (3)--

(i) by inserting a comma after `competent authority';

(ii) by striking `one hundred and twenty days' both places it appears and inserting `120 days'; and

(iii) by striking `; and' at the end and inserting a period; and

(F) in paragraph (4), by inserting `insurance under this subchapter shall cease' before `120 days after' the first place it appears.

(3) Subsection (b)(1)(A) of such section is amended by inserting `(to insure against death of the member only)' after `converted to Veterans' Group Life Insurance'.

(d) PREMIUMS- Section 1969 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

`(g)(1)(A) During any period in which a spouse of a member is insured under this subchapter and the member is on active duty, there shall be deducted each month from the member's basic or other pay until separation or release from active duty an amount determined by the Secretary as the premium allocable to the pay period for providing that insurance coverage. No premium may be charged for providing insurance coverage for a child.

`(B) During any month in which a member is assigned to the Ready Reserve of a uniformed service under conditions which meet the qualifications set forth in section 1965(5)(B) of this title and the spouse of the member is insured under a policy of insurance purchased by the Secretary under section 1966 of this title, there shall be contributed from the appropriation made for active duty pay of the uniformed service concerned an amount determined by the Secretary (which shall be the same for all such members) as the share of the cost attributable to insuring the spouse of such member under this policy, less any costs traceable to the extra hazards of such duty in the uniformed services. Any amounts so contributed on behalf of any individual shall be collected by the Secretary concerned from such individual (by deduction from pay or otherwise) and shall be credited to the appropriation from which such contribution was made.

`(2)(A) The Secretary shall determine the premium amounts to be charged for life insurance coverage for spouses of members under this subchapter.

`(B) The premium amounts shall be determined on the basis of sound actuarial principles and

shall include an amount necessary to cover the administrative costs to the insurer or insurers providing such insurance.

`(C) Each premium rate for the first policy year shall be continued for subsequent policy years, except that the rate may be adjusted for any such subsequent policy year on the basis of the experience under the policy, as determined by the Secretary in advance of that policy year.

`(h) Any overpayment of a premium for insurance coverage for an insurable dependent of a member that is terminated under section 1968(a)(5) of this title shall be refunded to the member.'.

(e) PAYMENTS OF INSURANCE PROCEEDS- Section 1970 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

`(i) Any amount of insurance in force on an insurable dependent of a member under this subchapter on the date of the dependent's death shall be paid, upon the establishment of a valid claim therefor, to the member or, in the event of the member's death before payment to the member can be made, then to the person or persons entitled to receive payment of the proceeds of insurance on the member's life under this subchapter.'.

(f) CONVERSION OF SGLI TO PRIVATE LIFE INSURANCE- Section 1968(b) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

`(3)(A) In the case of a policy purchased under this subchapter for an insurable dependent who is a spouse, upon election of the spouse, the policy may be converted to an individual policy of insurance under the same conditions as described in section 1977(e) of this title (with respect to conversion of a Veterans' Group Life Insurance policy to such an individual policy) upon written application for conversion made to the participating company selected by the spouse and payment of the required premiums. Conversion of such policy to Veterans' Group Life Insurance is prohibited.

`(B) In the case of a policy purchased under this subchapter for an insurable dependent who is a child, such policy may not be converted under this subsection.'.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE AND INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION- (1) The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first month that begins more than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) Each Secretary concerned, acting in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall take such action as is necessary to ensure that during the period between the date of the enactment of this Act and the effective date determined under paragraph (1) each eligible member--

(A) is furnished an explanation of the insurance benefits available for dependents under the amendments made by this section; and

(B) is afforded an opportunity before such effective date to make elections that are authorized under those amendments to be made with respect to dependents.

(3) For purposes of paragraph (2):

(A) The term `Secretary concerned' has the meaning given that term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) The term `eligible member' means a member of the uniformed services described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of section 1967(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, as amended by subsection (b)(1).

SEC. 5. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY OF INCREASE IN MAXIMUM SGLI BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS DYING IN PERFORMANCE OF DUTY ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000.

(a) **APPLICABILITY OF INCREASE IN BENEFIT-** Notwithstanding subsection (c) of section 312 of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419; 114 Stat. 1854), the amendments made by subsection (a) of that section shall take effect on October 1, 2000, with respect to any member of the uniformed services who died in the performance of duty (as determined by the Secretary concerned) during the period beginning on October 1, 2000, and ending at the close of March 31, 2001, and who on the date of death was insured under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program under subchapter III of chapter 19 of title 38, United States Code, for the maximum coverage available under that program.

(b) **DEFINITIONS-** In this section:

(1) The term `Secretary concerned' has the meaning given that term in section 101(25) of title 38, United States Code.

(2) The term `uniformed services' has the meaning given that term in section 1965(6) of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 6. EXPANSION OF OUTREACH EFFORTS TO ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS.

(a) **AVAILABILITY OF OUTREACH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, SPOUSES,
SURVIVING SPOUSES, AND DEPENDENT PARENTS-** Paragraph (2) of section 7721(b) is amended to read as follows:

`(2) the term `eligible dependent' means a spouse, surviving spouse, child, or dependent parent of a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service.'

(b) IMPROVED OUTREACH PROGRAM- (1) Subchapter II of chapter 77 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

`Sec. 7727. Outreach for eligible dependents

`(a) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall ensure that the needs of eligible dependents are fully addressed.

`(b) The Secretary shall ensure that the availability of outreach services and assistance for eligible dependents under this subchapter is made known through a variety of means, including the Internet, announcements in veterans publications, and announcements to the media.'

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of that chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 7726 the following new item:

`7727. Outreach for eligible dependents.'

SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL STATUTE.

(a) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR BENEFITS-

(1) IN GENERAL- Clause (i) of section 3011(a)(1)(A), as amended by section 103(a)(1)(A) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419; 114 Stat. 1825), is amended by striking `serves an obligated period of active duty of' and inserting `(I) in the case of an individual whose obligated period of active duty is three years or more, serves at least three years of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces, or (II) in the case of an individual whose obligated period of active duty is less than three years, serves'.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE- The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if enacted on November 1, 2000, immediately after the enactment of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419).

(b) ENTITLEMENT CHARGE FOR OFF-DUTY TRAINING AND EDUCATION-

(1) IN GENERAL- Section 3014(b)(2) is amended--

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking `(without regard to' and all that follows through `this subsection'; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

`(C) The number of months of entitlement charged under this chapter in the case of an individual who has been paid a basic educational assistance allowance under this subsection shall be equal to the number (including any fraction) determined by dividing the total amount of such educational assistance allowance paid the individual by the full-time monthly institutional rate of educational assistance which such individual would otherwise be paid under subsection (a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1), or (e)(1) of section 3015 of this title, as the case may be.'.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS- (A) Section 3015 is amended--

(i) in subsections (a)(1) and (b)(1), by inserting `subsection (h)' after `from time to time under'; and

(ii) by striking the subsection that was inserted as subsection (g) by section 1602(b)(3)(C) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted by Public Law 106-398; 114 Stat. 1654A-359) and redesignated as subsection (h) by 105(b)(2) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419; 114 Stat. 1829).

(B) Section 3032(b) is amended--

(i) by striking `the lesser of' and inserting `the least of the following:';

(ii) by striking `or' after `chapter,'; and

(iii) by inserting before the period at the end the following: `, or (3) the amount of the charges of the educational institution elected by the individual under section 3014(b)(1) of this title'.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE- The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect as if enacted on November 1, 2000, immediately after the enactment of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419).

(c) INCREMENTAL INCREASES FOR CONTRIBUTING ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS-

(1) ACTIVE DUTY PROGRAM- Section 3011(e), as added by section 105(a)(1) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419; 114 Stat. 1828), is amended--

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting `, but not more frequently than monthly' before the period;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking `\$4' and inserting `\$20'; and

(C) in paragraph (4)--

(i) by striking `Secretary. The' and inserting `Secretary of the military department concerned. That'; and

(ii) by striking `by the Secretary'.

(2) SELECTED RESERVE PROGRAM- Section 3012(f), as added by section 105(a)(2) of such Act, is amended--

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting `, but not more frequently than monthly' before the period;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking `\$4' and inserting `\$20'; and

(C) in paragraph (4)--

(i) by striking `Secretary. The' and inserting `Secretary of the military department concerned. That'; and

(ii) by striking `by the Secretary'.

(3) INCREASED ASSISTANCE AMOUNT- Section 3015(g), as added by section 105(b)(3) of such Act, is amended--

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting `effective as of the first day of the enrollment period following receipt of such contributions from such individual by the Secretary concerned,' after `by section 3011(e) or 3012(f) of this title,'; and

(B) in paragraph (1)--

(i) by striking `\$1' and inserting `\$5';

(ii) by striking `\$4' and inserting `\$20'; and

(iii) by inserting `of this title' after `section 3011(e) or 3012(f)'.

(4) EFFECTIVE DATE- The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect as if

included in the enactment of section 105 of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419; 114 Stat. 1828).

(d) DEATH BENEFITS-

(1) IN GENERAL- Paragraph (1) of section 3017(b) is amended to read as follows:

`(1) the total of--

`(A) the amount reduced from the individual's basic pay under section 3011(b), 3012(c), 3018(c), 3018A(b), 3018B(b), 3018C(b), or 3018C(e) of this title;

`(B) the amount reduced from the individual's retired pay under section 3018C(e) of this title;

`(C) the amount collected from the individual by the Secretary under section 3018B(b), 3018C(b), or 3018C(e) of this title; and

`(D) the amount of any contributions made by the individual under section 3011(c) or 3012(f) of this title, less'.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE- The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as of May 1, 2001.

(e) CLARIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED BY VEAP PARTICIPANTS WHO ENROLL IN BASIC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE-

(1) CLARIFICATION- Section 3018C(b), as amended by section 104(b) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419; 114 Stat. 1828), is amended by striking `or (e)'.

(2) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS- Any amount collected under section 3018C(b) of title 38, United States Code (whether by reduction in basic pay under paragraph (1) of that section, collection under paragraph (2) of that section, or both), with respect to an individual who enrolled in basic educational assistance under section 3018C(e) of that title, during the period beginning on November 1, 2000, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be treated as an amount collected with respect to the individual under section 3018C(e)(3)(A) of that title (whether as a reduction in basic pay under clause (i) of that section, a collection under clause (ii) of that section, or both) for basic educational assistance under section 3018C of that title.

(f) CLARIFICATION OF TIME PERIOD FOR ELECTION OF BEGINNING OF CHAPTER 35 ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPENDENTS-

(1) IN GENERAL- (A) Section 3512(a)(3)(B), as amended by section 112 of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419; 114 Stat. 1831), is amended to read as follows:

`(B) the eligible person elects that beginning date by not later than the end of the 60-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary provides written notice to that person of that person's opportunity to make such election, such notice including a statement of the deadline for the election imposed under this subparagraph; and'.

(B) Section 3512(a)(3)(C), as so amended, is amended by striking `between the dates described in' and inserting `the date determined pursuant to'.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE- The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if enacted on November 1, 2000, immediately after the enactment of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000.

SEC. 8. MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE- Title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Effective as of November 1, 2000, section 107 is amended--

(A) in the second sentence of subsection (a), by inserting `or (d)' after `subsection (c)';

(B) by redesignating the second subsection (c) (added by section 332(a)(2) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-419)) as subsection (d); and

(C) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by striking `In' in paragraph (1) and inserting `With respect to benefits under chapter 23 of this title, in'.

(2) Section 1710B(c)(2)(B) is amended by striking `on the date of the enactment of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act' and inserting `November 30, 1999'.

(3) Section 2301(f) is amended--

(A) in the matter in paragraph (1) preceding subparagraph (A), by striking `(as' and all that follows through `in section' and inserting `(as described in section'; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking `subparagraphs' and inserting `subparagraph'.

(4) Section 3452 is amended--

(A) in subsection (a)(1)--

(i) by striking `or' at the end of subparagraph (A); and

(ii) by striking `clause (B) of this paragraph' in subparagraph (C) and inserting `subparagraph (B)';

(B) in subsection (a)(2)--

(i) by striking `paragraph (1)(A) or (B)' and inserting `subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1)'; and

(ii) by striking `one hundred and eighty days' and inserting `180 days';

(C) in subsection (a)(3), by striking `section 511(d) of title 10' and inserting `section 12103(d) of title 10'; and

(D) in subsection (e), by striking `chapter 4C of title 29,' and inserting `the Act of August 16, 1937, popularly known as the `National Apprenticeship Act' (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.),'.

(5) Section 3462(a) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(6) Section 3512 is amended--

(A) in subsection (a)(5), by striking `clause (4) of this subsection' and inserting `paragraph (4)'; and

(B) in subsection (b)(2), by striking `willfull' and inserting `willful'.

(7) Section 3674 is amended--

(A) in subsection (a)(2)--

(i) in subparagraph (A)--

(I) by striking `, effective at the beginning of fiscal year 1988,'; and

(II) by striking `section 3674A(a)(4)' and inserting `section 3674A(a)(3)';

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking `paragraph (3)(A)' and inserting `paragraph (3)'; and

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking `section 3674A(a)(4)' and inserting `section 3674A(a)(3)'; and

(B) in subsection (c)--

(i) by striking `on September 30, 1978, and'; and

(ii) by striking `thereafter,'.

(8) Section 3674A(a)(2) is amended by striking `clause (1)' and inserting `paragraph (1)'.

(9) Section 3734(a) is amended--

(A) by striking `United States Code,' in the matter preceding paragraph (1); and

(B) by striking `appropriations in' in paragraph (2) and inserting `appropriations for'.

(10) Section 4104 is amended--

(A) in subsection (a)(1)--

(i) by striking `Beginning with fiscal year 1988,' and inserting `For any fiscal year,';

(ii) by striking `clause' in subparagraph (B) and inserting `subparagraph'; and

(iii) by striking `clauses' in subparagraph (C) and inserting `subparagraphs';

(B) in subsection (a)(4), by striking `on or after July 1, 1988'; and

(C) in subsection (b)--

(i) by striking `shall--' in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting `shall perform the following functions:';

(ii) by capitalizing the initial letter of the first word of each of paragraphs (1) through (12);

(iii) by striking the semicolon at the end of each of paragraphs (1) through (10)

and inserting a period; and

(iv) by striking `; and' at the end of paragraph (11) and inserting a period.

(11) Section 4303(13) is amended by striking the second period at the end.

(12) Section 5103(b)(1) is amended by striking `1 year' and inserting `one year'.

(13) Section 5701(g) is amended by striking `clause' in paragraphs (2)(B) and (3) and inserting `subparagraph'.

(14)(A) Section 7367 is repealed.

(B) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 73 is amended by striking the item relating to section 7367.

(15) Section 8125(d) is amended--

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking `(beginning in 1992)';

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking `(beginning in 1993)'; and

(C) by striking paragraph (3).

(16) The following provisions are each amended by striking `hereafter' and inserting `hereinafter': sections 545(a)(1), 1710B(e)(1), 3485(a)(1), 3537(a), 3722(a), 3763(a), 5121(a), 7101(a), 7105(b)(1), 7671, 7672(e)(1)(B), 7681(a)(1), 7801, and 8520(a).

(b) PUBLIC LAW 106-419- Effective as of November 1, 2000, and as if included therein as originally enacted, the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law

106-419) is amended as follows:

(1) Section 111(f)(3) (114 Stat. 1831) is amended by striking `3654' and inserting `3564'.

(2) Section 323(a)(1) (114 Stat. 1855) is amended by inserting a comma in the second quoted matter therein after `duty'.

(3) Section 401(e)(1) (114 Stat. 1860) is amended by striking `this' both places it appears in quoted matter and inserting `This'.

(4) Section 402(b) (114 Stat. 1861) is amended by striking the close quotation marks and period at the end of the table in paragraph (2) of the matter inserted by the amendment made

that section.

(c) PUBLIC LAW 102-590- Section 3(a)(1) of the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) is amended by striking ` , during,'.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and

President of the Senate.

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